Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works-Traffic and Parking Services

Date: March 18, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair of the Transportation and Public Works Committee

Subject: **Ordinance Change: prohibiting the practice of motor braking, also known as "engine braking" on Interstate Highway 394 in the City of Minneapolis.**

Recommendation: Set a public hearing to be held on April 1, 2014.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

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   Steven Kotke, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenter in Committee: Timothy Drew

Reviews
Permanent Review Committee (PRC):   Approval: Not Applicable
Civil Rights Approval: Approval: Not Applicable
Policy Review Group: Approval: Not Applicable

Financial: Action is within current department budget.

Neighborhood Impact: Public input will be sought
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe City

Background/Supporting Information:

The City has received a number of complaints regarding the noise created from the use of motorized brakes by semi-trucks along Interstate Highway 394. In 2008, the State Legislature passed Session Law Chapter 350, Article 1, Section 87 which gave the City of Minneapolis the authority to restrict or prohibit the use of an engine brake on motor vehicles along Legislative Route No. 107, also known as marked Interstate highway 394 from the South Penn Avenue interchange extending easterly to the terminus of marked Interstate Highway 394. Engine braking is defined as any device that uses the engine and transmission to impede the forward motion of the motor vehicle by compression of the engine.

Pursuant to the Session Law the state transportation commissioner would erect the appropriate signs and bill the City for the costs of erecting the signs once the ordinance has been passed.

Attachment: Session Law Chapter 350, Article 1, Section 87
                  Ordinance Change Language
                  Map of Proposed Area